

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

Term: 1994 - November 30, 2014

District: Third

Date of Birth: Dec. 21, 1948

Website: http://zevyaroslavsky.org

Zev Yaroslavsky was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in June, 1994. He was re-elected in 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. He left office in 2014 as a result of voterapproved term limits.

Yaroslavsky was born December 21, 1948 in Los Angeles, California. He earned an M.A. in British Imperial History and a B.A. in Economics and History, both from UCLA. He is a graduate of Fairfax High School in Los Angeles.

In 1975, at the age of 26, Yaroslavsky was elected to the first of six terms on the Los Angeles City Council. He assumed his seat on the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 1994.

Yaroslavsky represented the Third Supervisorial District, which comprises much of the City of Los Angeles. It includes the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood, Los Feliz, the Wilshire Corridor and West Los Angeles; the cities of Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Santa Monica, Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and San Fernando; and unincorporated areas including Topanga and the Santa Monica Mountains.

Among his major accomplishments as a county supervisor:

- Authored the 1996 Proposition 'A' park bond, which resulted in the preservation of a broad swath of rural open space and the development of urban parks throughout the county. Later, led a decade-long effort to protect the Santa Monica Mountains from development through enactment of a Local Coastal Program.
- Proposed in 1998 to bring a county lawsuit against the tobacco industry, yielding a settlement that returns more than \$100 million annually to county health programs.
- Authored the 2002 Proposition 'B' trauma tax, credited with saving two public hospitals from potential closure and keeping the county's emergency services intact.
- Led efforts to build the Orange Line busway across the San Fernando Valley and create the light rail Expo Line from Downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica.
- Pioneered programs that provided hundreds of the county's most chronically homeless individuals with permanent supportive housing that has helped them restore their lives.

- Brought innovative school-based health clinics to largely working-class neighborhoods of the San Fernando Valley.
- Championed efforts to rebuild and modernize the Hollywood Bowl and was instrumental in the development of architect Frank Gehry's Walt Disney Concert Hall. Also helped fund major investments in the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Museum of Natural History and the Valley Performing Arts Center.
- Authored the board's motion in 2011 to create the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence, a blue-ribbon panel that investigated alleged deputy brutality in the county's jail system and recommended dozens of reforms that were later implemented.
- Led a successful effort to get voter approval for the first Los Angeles County campaign reform package.

Yaroslavsky and his wife, Barbara, have two children, Mina and David.